Powers of District Forest Officers.

READ—

Para 151 of the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the accounts of the year 1928-29, deprecating the practice prevailing in certain Sale Depots, of allowing the delivery of timber sold to purchasers before the sale is confirmed and suggesting that the question of enhancing the powers of District Forest Officers to confirm sales up to Rs. 1,000 might be investigated by the Chief Conservator of Forests.

2. Letter No. I. 83-29, dated the 28th August 1930, from the Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore, submitting his proposals on the subject.

ORDER THEREON NO. G. 3929-30—FT. 77-30-4, DATED 11TH OCTOBER 1930.

The District Forest Officers have at present power to confirm timber sales up to Rs. 500 in value and sales exceeding this limit require confirmation at the hands of the Conservator or the Chief Conservator as the case may be. But in actual practice, even in cases of sales exceeding Rs. 500 in value, the District Forest Officers are said to be in the habit of allowing the removal of timber sold before the sale is confirmed to suit the convenience of purchasers coming from the adjoining British Districts. Such a practice should in future be discontinued as it will have the effect of compelling the higher authority to confirm the sale or will lead to complications if the sales are not confirmed.

2. With a view to obviate the inconvenience that is likely to be caused to the purchasers of timber by the existing rules, Government are pleased to direct that the powers of District Forest Officers to confirm timber sales be enhanced from Rs. 500 to Rs. 1,000 subject to the following conditions:—

(1) That the rate realised in a sale does not fall short of the average of the three previous sales by more than five per cent or is more than that realised at the previous sales.

(2) That the power of confirming sales up to the limit of Rs. 1,000 should be exercised only in the case of timber.

(3) That the confirmation of sales is ordered by District Forest Officers only after payment of the full purchase money

R. RANGA RAO,
General Secretary to Government.

Recruitment to the Establishments under Municipal Councils.

READ—

Government Order No. 6129-6192—Ml. 145-24-52, dated 19th February 1925, approving, among other matters, of the employment as a general rule of only Officials in Government Service by Town and Minor Municipal Councils for all non-gazetted executive and clerical appointments excepting a few specified therein and approving of certain rules in the matter.

2. Government Order No. L. 5347-407—Ml. 22-26-42, dated 2nd February 1927, directing that the provisions of the rules approved in the Government Order of 19th February 1925, be made applicable to the Non-Gazetted executive and clerical appointments under the Bangalore City Municipal Council and requesting the Municipal Council to submit necessary rules under Section 44 of the Mysore Municipal Regulation.

3. Correspondence ending with letter No. L. 5408—Ml. 22-26-43, dated 2nd February 1927, to the President, Mysore City Municipal Council, suggesting that the rules applicable to recruitment of Non-Gazetted executive and clerical appointments should be uniform in both the City Municipalities and requesting the submission of necessary rules for the approval of Government.

4. Government Order No. L. 6052-123—Ml. 158-26-1, dated 1st March 1927, issuing certain rules regulating recruitment, pay and other matters relating to the officers and servants of Town and Minor Municipal Councils.

ORDER NO. L. 3318-36—ML. 167-30-2, DATED 25TH OCTOBER 1930.

The rules approved in the Government Orders of 19th February 1925, 2nd February 1927 and 1st March 1927 read above, provide for the employment of

Government officials to certain appointments under the Town and Minor Municipal Councils and the Bangalore City Municipal Council. The mode and conditions of appointing officers (1) for all appointments under the Mysore City Municipal Council and (2) for appointments under Town Municipal Councils with the exception of those to be filled by officials lent from Government Departments are now left to be regulated by the rules made by the Municipal Councils concerned under Section 46 of the Municipal Regulation. In the case of the Bangalore City Municipality where there is now a Municipal Commissioner appointments up to Rs. 100 except in cases falling under Section 186 (k) of the Municipal Regulation may be made by the Municipal Commissioner under Section 186 (j) of the Regulation subject to the general rules of recruitment that may be made by the Government from time to time. In the case of Minor Municipalities the mode and conditions of appointment have to be regulated by rules to be made by Government under Section 187 of the Municipal Regulation as the Minor Municipal Councils are excepted from the provisions of the said Section.

2. No rules purporting to be made under Sections 186 (j) and 187 of the Municipal Regulation have so far been issued by the Government. The rules called for from the City Municipal Councils to secure uniformity in this respect have not also been received. In these circumstances, Government, after a careful consideration of the matter, think that in all cases in which appointments are not filled up by persons in Government service lent for the purpose a uniform procedure should be followed in regard to the mode and conditions of appointment for all Non-Gazetted executive and clerical posts in the superior grade of all Municipal Councils and that it is inexpedient to leave the matter to be regulated by rules to be made by the Municipal Councils. Government are accordingly pleased to exercise the powers conferred on them by Section 186 (j), sub-section (3) of Section 187 and Clause (a) of the proviso to Section 46 of the Municipal Regulation and make the rules in the notification appended to this order. The notification will also be published in the Gazette.

4. In order to give effect to these rules, Government are also pleased to direct as follows:—

(1) For the purpose of rule 1, the classification of appointments and the qualifications required therefor shall be the same as those prescribed for appointments of corresponding grades in Government Departments.

(2) The agency for the purpose of advertising vacancies under clause (b) of rule 2 shall be the Secretary, Central Recruitment Board.

(3) The returns required to be submitted under rule 3 shall be sent to the Secretary, Central Recruitment Board and shall be in such form as may be prescribed by the Government.

R. RANGA RAO,
General Secretary to Government.